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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A plurality of discrete tong members that are configured to be easily and securely conjoined and releasably fastened to each other in order to provide an interchangeable pair of interlocked tongs. The tong members have proximal ends which include releasable fastening means and distal ends having a gripping surface. Each tong member has a slot and the tong members are configured to receive a slot of another tong member in order to position the tong members in a conjoined relationship with each other. The releasable fastening means fasten the distal ends of conjoined tong members to each other. The tong members have flexible, resilient portions such that when the pair of tong members are in an interlocked relationship, the slot portions form a fulcrum and the portions from the slot to the distal ends are configured to be urged towards each other and then return to its original position.

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